

# STOP THE INVASION- REPORT THIS PEST

## **Aramina**

Maui County Priority Pest for Molokai:

**Aramina (*Urena lobata*)** is widespread throughout several Hawaiian islands, but has not become established on Molokai. This weedy, small shrub is found growing in disturbed, low elevation sites.

### Identification

**Height-** 0.5 - 1.3 ft (0.2 - 0.4 m)

**Flower-** Pinkish to violet (1 cm or 0.4 in), in small clusters, five petals

**Fruit-** Seeds covered with hooked bristles that will cling to skin and clothing

**Leaves-** Alternating leaves, raspy feel

**Branches-** Have a purple tint



Aramina flower



Typical growth form



Bur seed will cling to skin and clothing

## Don't mistake Aramina for these look-alikes:



### 'Ilima (*Sida fallax*)

'Ilima is a native Hawaiian shrub that is found in coastal and rocky areas. The flowers of 'ilima are variable, ranging from yellow to dull red. It can be differentiated from aramina by the shape of its leaf, which is small (1-8 cm) and heart-shaped, as well as ilima's lack of prickly burs.



### Sacramento Bur (*Triumfetta semitriloba*)

The Sacramento bur is a shrub that grows up to 5 ft (1.5 m) tall and is found in arid areas. Its leaves are oblong in shape and have three lobes. Its small yellow flowers grow in clusters.